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Meet the candidates for Mayor of Salisbury: Jim Ireton

This article is a part of an election review. Look for opponent Joe Albero's story in next week's issue of The Flyer.

JACOB TROXELL

Staff Writer

With the City of Salisbury's general election approaching, Mayor Jim Ireton and candidate Joseph Albero are preparing for the April 2 vote in hopes they will be chosen as mayor of Salisbury.

Ireton has been mayor since 2009 and is aiming to improve the quality of life of all Salis-

bury residents in what he hopes to be his second term.

Mayor Ireton was born and raised in Salisbury, graduated in the class of 1992 from Salisbury University and received his M.A. in Education in 2003 from The College of Notre Dame of Maryland. Mayor Ireton has detailed his main concerns going into the election.

"There are three core goals that guide the work in my office: Neighborhood Integrity,

Crime Reduction and improving the health of the Wicomico River," according to the City of Salisbury website.

His future plans include reducing the crime rates on the streets in Salisbury.

"Salisbury's Safe Streets Coalition is working hard with its many partners and progress is evident with our dropping crime rates," Ireton said. "This Safe Streets Coalition institutes collaboration and information sharing across all

levels of government in an aim to dramatically reduce crime."

Students agree that crime is a major issue in the upcoming election.

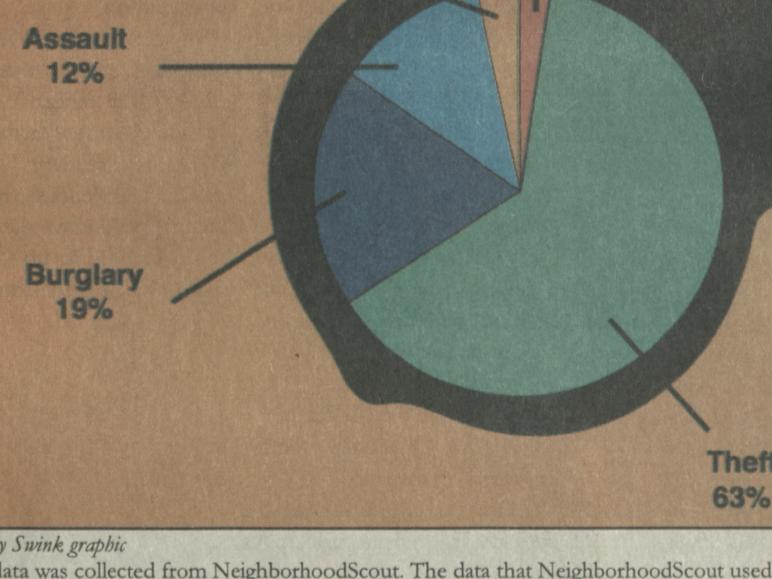
"Attention directed toward the crime rate is very much needed," SU freshman Chris Himberger said. "However just because there is some reduction doesn't mean it has gone away."

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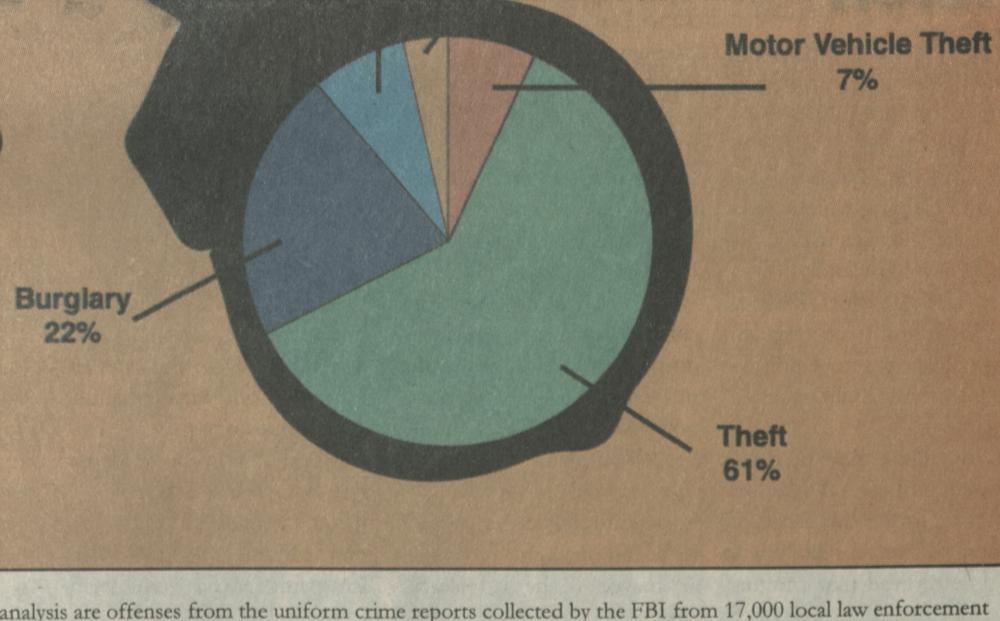
Hoax proves severity of SU crime problem

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Lindsey Swink graphic

This data was collected from NeighborhoodScout. The data that NeighborhoodScout used for this analysis are offenses from the uniform crime reports collected by the FBI from 17,000 local law enforcement agencies. NeighborhoodScout found that most crime that takes place in Salisbury is property crime, which includes burglary, larceny over fifty dollars, motor vehicle theft and arson. In Salisbury, your chance of becoming a victim of a property crime is one in 15.

BY JUSTIN MCCLURE

Staff Writer

Salisbury University students were alarmed by a small congregation of police activity outside of Blackwell Library in the early hours of Feb. 7, responding to rumors of an armed intruder on campus.

"We intercepted a call informing us that there was a man on campus armed with a gun," Police Chief Edwin Lashley said. "We responded, looking for a male wearing a blonde wig, leav-

ing a resident hall headed to GUC, in which we found no such thing."

These were the experiences of Chief Edwin Lashley and the Salisbury University Police after receiving a hoax phone call from an individual on Feb. 7. Police concluded that no clear or present danger existed and felt it unnecessary to use the emergency alert system; students were notified via e-mail about the incident hours later.

Police had a callback number on record and attempted numerous times to contact the individual but the complainant

never answered. Upon further investigation police concluded that the remarks were not reliable.

"We believed this individual to be a homeless person. Homeless individuals during the winter seek shelter in and around the university," Lashley said.

The next day contact was made with the suspect, in which a trespassing letter was issued. The individual failed to abide by the warning and was arrested on scene. However, sentencing was not carried out due to an absence of probable cause and

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SU grad studies fossils of early life-forms in Canada



Photo submitted by Greg Burzynski

The Queen's paleontology group poses for a photo at Signal Hill, St. John's, Newfoundland after studying fossils. From left to right: Calla Carbone, Sara Mason, Dr. Guy Narbonne and SU alumnus Greg Burzynski.

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MoM dental clinic provides free health care services to the Eastern Shore

BY HENOCK ZACHARIAS
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Mission of Mercy, a free dental clinic, will be set up in Salisbury from March 16-17 to provide health care services to the underprivileged of the Eastern Shore.

MoM is providing services usually found in a dentist's office, including X-rays, general oral check-ups, cleanings, cavity fillings, oral surgery and root canals.

Jenni Pastusak, head of public relations for MoM, said calls are already coming in for the service.

"The Eastern Shore community has a need for dental care; unfortunately many cannot afford it," Pastusak said. "That's where MoM comes in providing free dental care; no insurance (is) needed to provide care to those dealing with prolonged pain."

MoM's dental clinic opens on March 14 for pre-screening to the first 200 patients from 1 to 4 p.m. No services will be done at that

time except registration, medical screening and X-ray/dental screening.

As a bonus, pre-screened patients will have priority access on March 15 and 16.

Mission of Mercy was founded in 2000 in Virginia. The organization is operated by over 100 volunteer dentists and several hundred staff volunteers. MoM has hosted events all over the country with over 50 in Virginia alone.

With such a large-scale operation, MoM is looking for volunteers to make sure things run smoothly.

According to their website, "In addition to the approximately 250 dentists and hygienists and dental assistants that it will take to deliver hundreds of procedures to the 1,200 +/- patients that will be seen, it will take approximately 500 community volunteers as well."

Volunteers are to help with basic tasks such as setting up and breaking down the equipment, clerical work and directing patients. Eight computer science majors or

computer-savvy individuals are also needed to assist with setting up computers.

Salisbury University's Women in Leadership is planning on assisting MoM for this community event. Erin Garcia, the community outreach chair, has begun to encourage other campus organizations to get involved.

The date falls at a tough spot for some SU students. March 15 is the last day of classes before spring break, so many students may not be available to volunteer for the organization.

For some students, volunteering for MoM presents an opportunity to boost their resumes while giving back to the community.

SU junior pre-med student Krystal Donaldson said she was happy to get involved with the program.

"I have had the privilege to go abroad to Peru and assist people in dire need. After working with the various people putting this event together, I have seen how selfless people are in the Eastern Shore Community,"

Donaldson said. "They have given of themselves, their finances, as well as their time. It's the least we can do to give a bit of ourselves."

Services on the 15 and 16 are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and will be located at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center (500 Glen Ave) to serve the adult population (18 and up, no children allowed at this time).

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lack of evidence.

"When dealing with situations like this you need to establish credibility," Lashley said. "Even though there was no threat, I would rather respond and find nothing, than not respond and find people hurt."

Mangold said she saw three individuals she didn't know when she looked through her window.

"We were terrified but never answered the door," Mangold said. "After about five minutes my roommate checked the peephole and no one was there; we also checked the back door, which was also clear."

When she gets home late Sadie said that she feels uneasy when she is alone, but when she is with her roommates she is fine.

SU Police Chief Edwin Lashley said he wants students to feel secure on and off campus. His biggest responsibility is to keep students safe.

People are urged to lock their doors and windows, report any suspicious activity and proceed with caution in any situation.

According to the Salisbury Police Department's website, from Jan. 20 to Feb. 10 a total of seven robberies, 19 burglaries, 138 thefts, 10 motor vehicle thefts and 21 cases of drug possession have occurred.

It seems as though every week or so there is an e-mail sent out regarding a break-in into a student house or apartment. In one student's case, three people came to her house in Fruitland and knocked on the door.

"It was October 23, right around Halloween, and my

FOSSILS

BY JESSICA BRANNOCK
Staff Writer

The three domains of life, eukaryota, archaea and bacteria, are common knowledge to any Bio 101 student.

However, understanding the precursors to these life forms entails working with organisms that are virtually unknown to scientists.

Salisbury University alumnus Greg Burzynski is working toward his Ph.D. in geology at Queen's University, Canada. As part of the department of geological science and engineering, Burzynski has been a part of exciting research in Newfoundland at Mistaken Point and the Bonavista Peninsula that can answer questions about early life forms.

Burzynski grew up in Columbia, Md., and was interested in paleontology from a young age.

"There was something there in my head and heart, so I decided to make something of it when I got to SU," Burzynski said.

While studying at SU, Burzynski completed undergraduate research working with pollen samples collected from the

Delmarva Peninsula that dated from 5,600 years ago during the Holocene geological epoch. After receiving his B.S. in biology and a minor in earth science from SU in 2007, Burzynski earned a M.S. in geology at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington.

He then headed to Canada to begin his graduate work. Mistaken Point has been heavily researched since the 1960s, but it was at Bonavista Peninsula in 2008 that researchers discovered the 579-million year old organisms that lend insight into the life forms of the early animal kingdom. These fossils fit into the Ediacaran Period on the Geologic Time Scale.

"Three hundred years before the Ediacaran Period, life was no more than single-celled organisms," Burzynski said.

As part of his graduate dissertation, Burzynski works to uncover the mystery behind these early life forms.

"These organisms are the very roots of the animal kingdom and lived in such a different environment that they pretty much resemble nothing today," Burzynski said. "We need to find out what they looked like."

While Irreton said he is doing his best to improve locals' quality of living, as students and a community, he said safety lies in the hands of the citizens of Salisbury.

"I am very proud of Salisbury in that it has lowered crime rates in the neighborhoods where university students live. I have always been very up front with students, having been one myself," Irreton said. "Keeping students safe is my job and theirs."

Irreton said citizen's safety is most definitely an important issue and one he will focus on as mayor if he is elected.

During Irreton's four years as mayor from 2009-13 the violent crime rate has gone down

40 percent with an overall 20 percent decrease in the past decade.

The safety of all our residents, including our University population, was the primary reason I ran for Mayor in 2009, and it will continue to be my top priority," Irreton said.

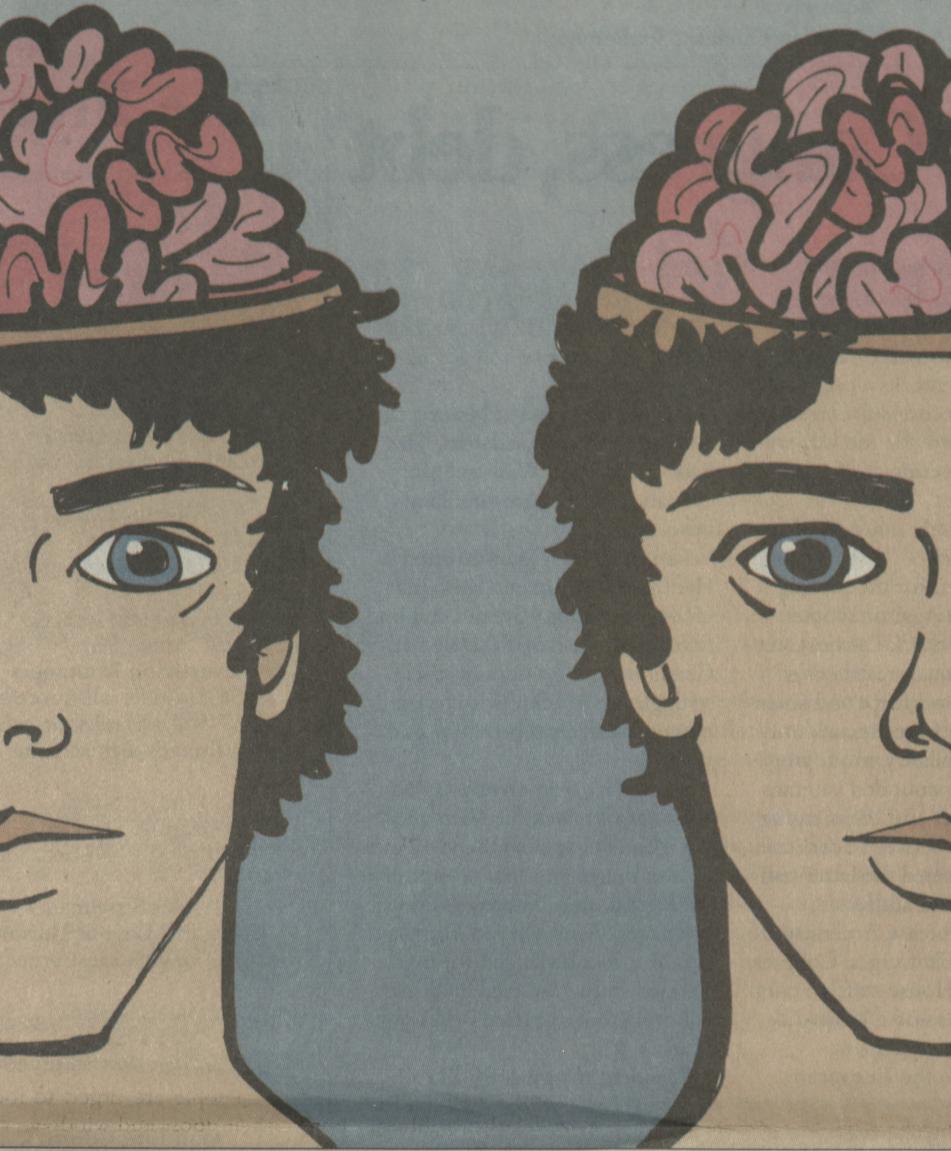
Irreton will be presenting his State of the City speech, Haiti Benefit and election forum on SU's campus in the upcoming months.

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Overheard: How would you prevent gun violence?



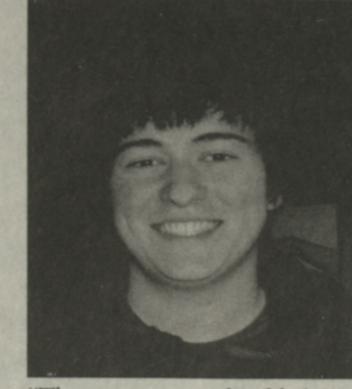
"No one should have a gun who is not professionally trained such as cops or military."

—Chip Conto, Junior



"Stricter regulations should be implemented. Anything more than a small hand gun or a standard hunting rifle should not be in the possession of any citizen."

—Erin Lee, Freshman



"The government should give a gun to everybody. If everyone is armed, criminals are less likely to attack people who can defend themselves."

—Matthew Canahan, Sophomore



"The government should have more detailed background checks and get rid of automatic weapons."

—Tolani Akindale, Junior

State of the union tackles Congress, debt



BY AJIA ALLEN
Staff Writer

Reception for the first State of the Union Address, aired on Feb. 12, of President Barack Obama's second term was noticeably better in comparison to one year ago.

Minus the few familiar expressions of reproach and refusals to applaud or to look interested by various Republican officials, Congress dutifully showed an approval of the president's call for bipartisanship.

The fiscal cliff frenzy of late 2012 put all Americans on edge with the possibility of zero negotiation between the White House and Congress and sky-rocketing tax rates. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, signed on Jan. 2, averted some middle class consumer pains, yet the American people still seek answers from the executive branch.

Obama repeated "We can get this

done" in declaration and appeal to Congress to work collaboratively with the White House. Special attentions were given to the \$85 billion sequester scheduled for enforcement in March, improvement for education at the preschool and high school levels, more clean energy initiatives and increasing manufacturing rooted in the U.S.

The president was not quiet about his disdain for the tentative sequester aimed to prevent defense spending cuts adjacent to allowing cuts for education and social security, calling it a "bad idea."

America's \$16 trillion deficit can't diminish at the expense of the future generation's education. Maryland was one of the only states last year to create legislation requiring all students to stay in school until 18 years old following Obama's proposal for such a measure in the 2012 SOTU address.

President Obama noted other key issues of concern, namely cyber security, military departure from Afghanistan by the end of 2014, an increase in employment availability after a shift to U.S. manufacturing, world poverty and terrorism and an upgrading of the nation's infrastructure.

Response proposals to immigration reform took a slight turn from previous SOTU addresses. Presi-

dent Obama simultaneously demanded more "boots on the border" to guard the country against illegal immigrants and to administer background checks along with a request of protections for legal immigrants who provide the U.S. with advanced engineering and technological skills.

Equality certainly saturated this year's message, also.

Obama pushed for the passing of the Violence Against Women Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act to further the equal treatment of women in the workforce and society. Equality for homosexuals and women in the military, improving the lifestyles of wounded veterans and their families and the merging of affordability between economic classes strengthened the latter half of the presidential address.

In order to increase American exports, the president urged Congress and the White House staff to complete negotiations of a Trans-Atlantic trade and investment partnership with the European Union.

Most of the interest from lower to middle class American workers is focused on the raising of the federal minimum wage to \$9. Nine bucks sounds like extra pocket change, except that the increase in minimum wage is adorned with an increase in cost of living and an

ACLU initiatives defend student privacy online

BY SAMUEL VOORHEES
Contributor

Although the major bills introduced at the Annapolis General Assembly this session are focused on very important issues such as gun control, education, transportation and energy, there are bills that could potentially have a substantial and direct effect on collegiate affairs at Salisbury University.

While interning in Annapolis this session with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), a national union, I met Joanna Diamond from the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland.

After discovering I was a college student she informed me of a controversial but important bill the organization was trying to pass. The legislation, she explained, could potentially effect all college students.

Currently, under Maryland state law, a public or private institution may require or request a student to allow access to their personal electronic media accounts. This includes videos, photos, blogs, emails

and internet website profiles such as Facebook.

In last year, Maryland passed a bill blocking employers from requiring or requesting access to social media information and accounts. Although this was a great victory for privacy advocates, progressive individuals hope to extend these rights to all sectors, including students within education.

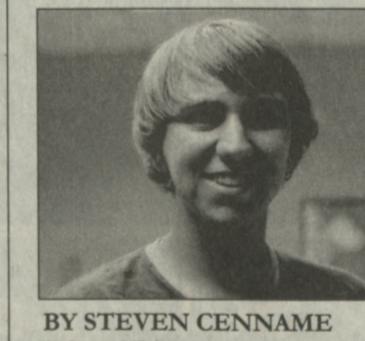
Furthermore, this bill could benefit universities by eliminating the potential liability of students violating their student code of conduct.

This initiative is to protect general privacy of students. Although this issue applies primarily to sports programs at large division one schools, which have interests in monitoring their players, this affects all college students.

The ACLU is defending all students' right to feel secure in not only their persons, houses, papers and effects, but also in their private electronic accounts. What the General Assembly needs to hear now is that not all college students are apathetic. We support the ACLU's bill in protecting students' privacy rights.

The University of Maryland system is obviously opposed to this provision, due to it being a hindrance in investigations of students regarding violations to academic, student and sports policies of the university. This legislation,

MD is the future of cybersecurity



BY STEVEN CENNAME
Editorial Editor

in Baltimore that build "cyber-weapons" and invent new technologies to fight foreign hackers. "Fort Cyber" has employed thousands of college graduates and other new workers, bringing new ideas to help defend Americans from possibly the most debilitating types of terrorist attacks.

Maryland's status as "The Cybersecurity State," was achieved not only because of the public-private partnerships within the state, but also our Congressional delegation for bringing hundreds of millions of dollars to help jump-start a fast-growing industry.

This federal money has also gone to other cybersecurity projects across the state. At Fort Meade, the Pentagon set up their U.S. Cybersecurity Command Center, where many recently-hired defense department employees help coordinate the country's cybersecurity systems, both offensive and defensive.

Due to the scant media coverage of the initiatives, few Marylanders are aware that greater investment in cybersecurity will create more jobs in Maryland than any other state.

Cyber defense has become a growing concern for the United States government, and the president is now calling for federal agencies and private sector owners of publicly-used infrastructure to set required minimum security standards for information sharing between the public and private sectors.

Maryland has become the nation's hub in terms of cybersecurity technology and innovation. This is in large part due to the creation of "Fort Cyber," which is a cluster of federal agencies and private compa-

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EDITORIAL

iPhone vs. Droid

The battle of the smart phones



BY
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For a long time I have had an obvious pre-

ference in the "Apple versus the rest of the world" battle.

Earlier in the year I wrote an article about PCs versus PCs, and while I tried to remain neutral in the debate, my obvious prejudice showed through my facade. I have, with no hesitation, decided that it was time to inform the student body and faculty that another war has been struck against the Apple Company.

Android Smartphone sales for the year of 2012 made up 68.8 percent of the smartphone market, while Apple made up only 31.2 percent. This may come as shock to the die-hard Apple fans that would give their lives

for this overrated corporation. A lot of people find themselves loving Apple products so much they won't dare to look at another brand.

On the other hand shiver with giddiness at this news, being a huge PC, Android or pretty much anything that isn't Apple supporter. I find their products to be overpriced, and they continually push new product with very little change much too frequently in order to turn a profit.

When I had first heard about the iPad mini, I thought it was a joke. A gag, in fact, and that Apple was making fun of themselves. We have the iPhone, the iPod touch and the iPad. What good would a smaller iPad do? When it reached my attention that the iPad mini was a real thing, any last shred of respect I had for the Apple Company went right out the window along with my lunch.

Don't get me wrong, when I was younger, the iPod nano was my best friend. The ability to listen to music anywhere without carrying around a huge walkman or cassette player was innovative, creative and absolutely genius! Intelligence, innovation and creativity are all qualities shared by Apple founder Steve Jobs,

whom I also hold a great respect for, even despite the rumors surrounding his originality or morality concerning the start of Apple.

When Apple started getting popular they were at the peak of innovation and invention. Year after year they came out with the best new music devices and continued their scientific development. This was where Apple shined. Leading up to Jobs' death and even still now, the Apple Company's originaluster has died down to a dull glow. Now, the new Apple products consist of one or two small changes to an already acceptable programming platform and charging wide-eyed customers hundreds of dollars for the new "best thing."

Even though Apple's sales are growing due to a popular misconception that a fruit on the front of an electronic device automatically makes it higher quality, the International Data Corporation points out that its year-over-year growth is actually slower when compared with the rest of the smartphone market. With not only the competition of Android doing insanely well on the smartphone market, there are also smaller competitors rising up to the challenge such as Windows, BlackBerry

and Samsung. While still not major players, these companies combined sell about the same amount of phones as Apple!

While I have spent this entire time ranting about a company I'm not fond of, I have to confess that Apple is not the worst manufacturer of electronic devices in the world. In fact, depending on your style, Apple products may actually work a lot better for you.

If you are really into music, and I mean you make the stuff, not just listening to the Top 20 for the week on your way to work or school, Apple supports a lot of music creating and editing software. Apple products are definitely advanced and are surely useful, but what I urge all students and faculty to remember is not to become part of the Apple "Cult." Look around at other brands, or other types of smartphones, and find the one that works best for you personally. Don't just buy one because it has a fruit on the front of it, look at the applications, specs, battery life or whatever you really care about to determine what is the best product for you.

SU student gets hit by car, lives to tell the tale



BY AJIA ALLEN
Staff Writer

pedestrian crosswalk with the understanding of having the right-of-way and was unexpectedly struck by an oncoming car.

An unidentified woman driving a family-filled vehicle turned at the intersection of 13 and West College Avenue striking the student hit-and-run accidents.

Huff was not drastically injured, only enduring minor bruising, but now has a heightened sense of alertness when crossing the highway. The driver of the vehicle left the scene after inquiring about the condition of the student but without any exchange of information.

Incidents related to the aforementioned area are, unfortunately, not unusual for the area surrounding SU. The issue lies with students aiming to jaywalk or, more realistically, with drivers not following road rules.

The driving habits seen on the roads of Salisbury are not in high favor of many university students. Complaints revolve around hurried drivers, lack of lane etiquette, poor driving skills and most alarmingly, pedestrian hit-and-run accidents.

Prior to recent initiatives for crosswalk safety, pedestrian care and the establishment of bike lanes, the number of car collisions and bicycle-car accidents were not an unpronounced secret in the school's area. Intersections like that of Onley Road and South Division Street hosted plenty of car-on-car action before the signal lights were placed in the appropriate spots.

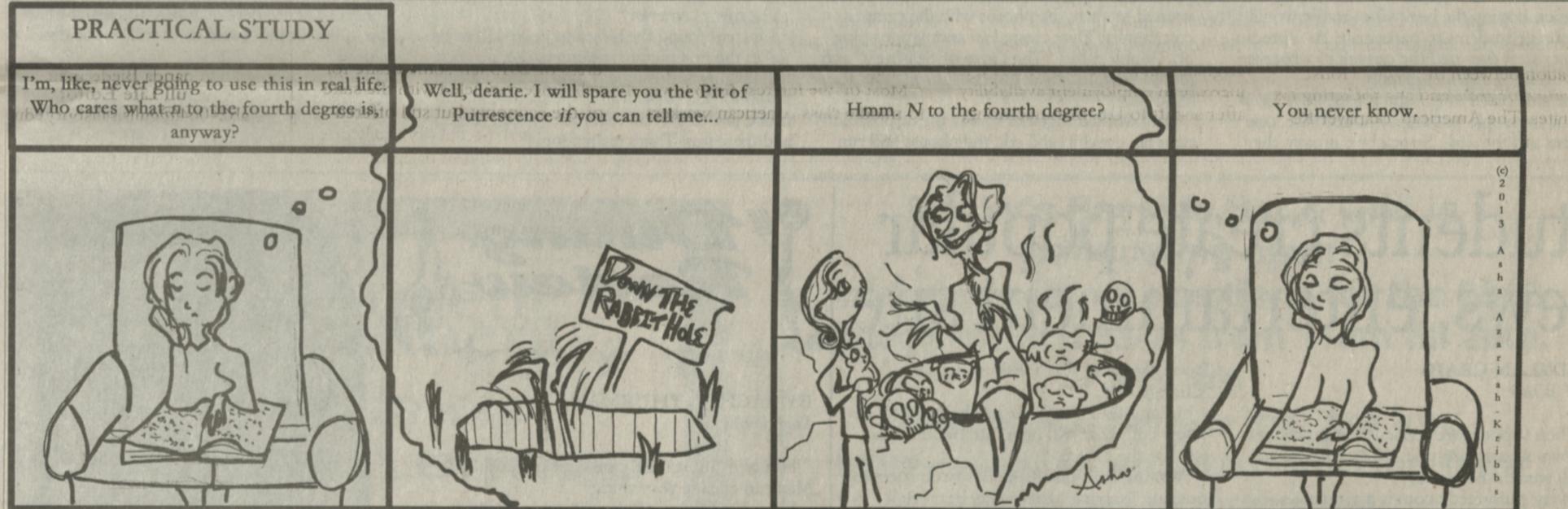
An increased awareness for pedestrian safety by SU police, city ordinances, the Salisbury nonprofit Bike-SBY and others have aided the development of needed sidewalks and riding lanes. However, the responsibility is still on the shoulders of the city's drivers.

Pedestrian hit-and-run accidents are not something to take lightly considering the potential for fatality. Bad drivers can typify any region, but it seems that Salisbury roadways take the cake for the most reckless driving in the minds of the college students.

Everyone understands it is a two-way street for responsibility between those behind the wheel of a car and traveling on the road otherwise. Yet, the impact of a vehicle on individuals not driving will always be more intense.

The SU student expressed his reactions to the recent scenario.

"I feel blessed that it wasn't anything worse," Huff said.



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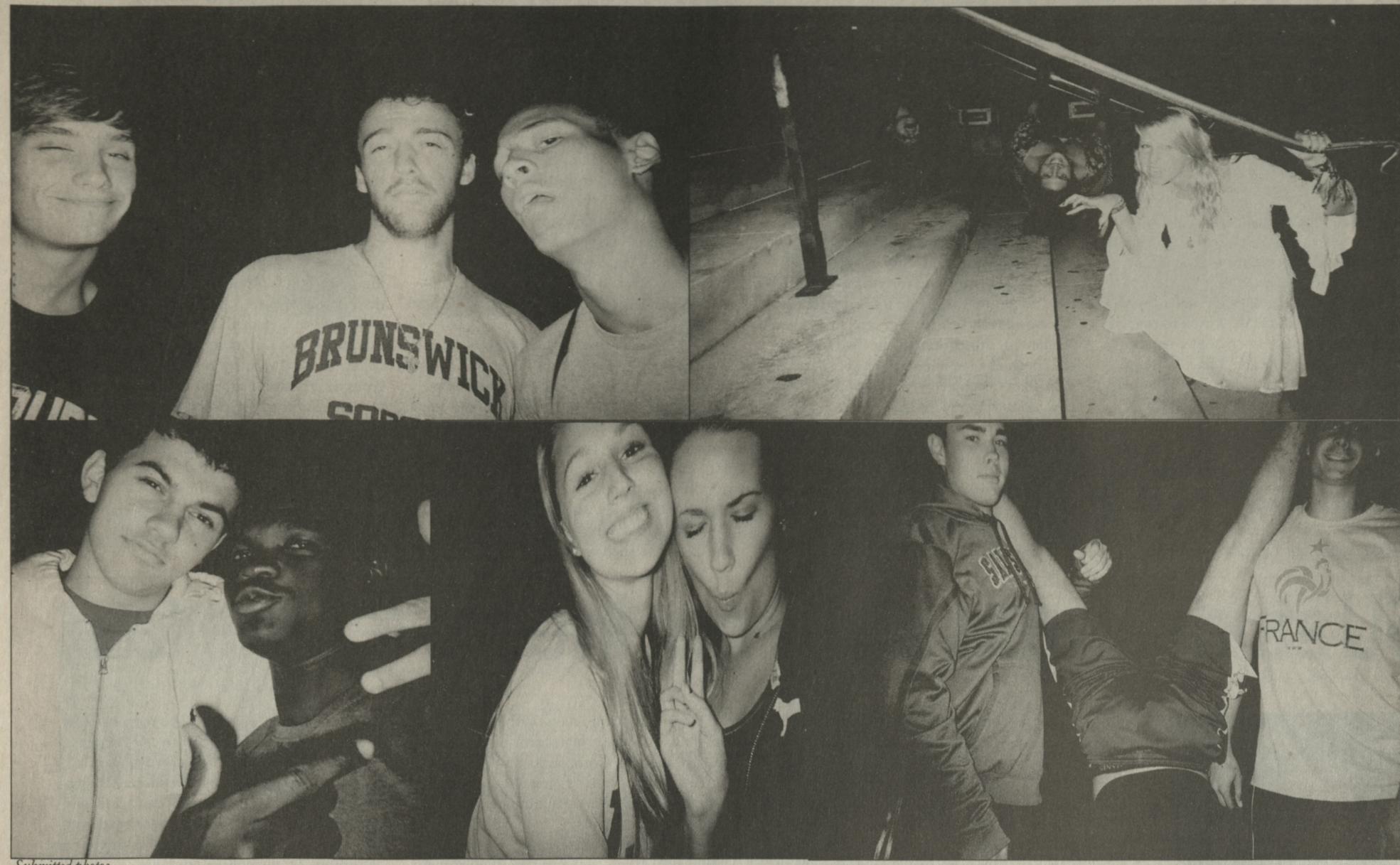


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Campus poses for photo experiment



Submitted photos
SU students take pictures of themselves at random spots around campus as part of an experiment in photography and school spirit.

BY JESSIE ESPOSITO
Video Editor

A small camera lay abandoned on a picnic table in Red Square, sitting with nothing but a note beside it urging passers-by to snap a photo of themselves that would then later be posted on a blog.

One night in September, two female students from Salisbury University decided to place a disposable camera around campus to see what would happen.

They left the camera in the dead center of campus, hoping the heavy foot traffic would encourage students to participate. As a precautionary step, they tied the camera to whatever could discourage theft.

The girls could only hope for the best. Later that night people walking by noticed the lone camera and the note. Struck by curiosity, they

checked it out. What happened next would be a true test of SU spirit and honesty.

The following morning, the girls retrieved the camera. When they developed the pictures, smiling faces, duck faces, "selfies," jungle gyms, slugs, tree branches and more were all among the photos collected.

The girls said they were shocked not only that participants were willing to take the time to snap a photo of themselves, but also that the camera was not stolen.

Amused by the variety and entertaining aspects of every photo, the girls decided they wanted to share the photos with the campus community. They created an anonymous blog on Tumblr called "The Faces of Salisbury" and released the photos at intervals throughout the semester.

They worked together to buy the disposable cameras, develop and edit the photos and run

the blog. As SU students tumbled across the blog, more people became aware of the project, excited to find pictures of themselves and their friends.

SU freshman Carlton Burns said he found the camera in Red square tied to a bench.

"I read the note and thought it was cool, creative and spontaneous," Burns said. "I couldn't help but to laugh when I found myself on the blog."

Students who came across the blog posted "this is awesome!" and asked "are there going to be more cameras?"

One girl found the blog and posted "I'm in the first picture sticking my tongue out haahaha this is awesome! I didn't think I'd ever find out what happened to the picture but my friend just called and told me to check this out and there it is! That's really funny!"

Check out the photo project at: thefacesofsalisbury.tumblr.com

Throughout the rest of the semester the girls bought more cameras and placed them in other places around campus. Among these places were the steps of the Blackwell Library and the benches underneath SU's signature pergola.

As of now, the blog is up and running and ready for more. The girls intend to place more disposable cameras around campus in different locations at a variety of times. To keep it a surprise, the locations and dates will not be disclosed.

The girls, who wish to remain anonymous for the mysterious aspect of their experiment, said the camera is open to anyone in the SU community, including faculty and staff.

Students create popular news, entertainment site

BY DYLAN CRAIG
Staff Writer

When sophomore Jessie Karangu created his own website in June 2012, it was just a small student blog.

Today, pulsesfeedz.com is a growing social aggregator with over 200,000 unique views.

Karangu said the blog began to grow when his friends Kofi Osei-Tutu and Kyle Williams decided to become involved with it.

"I was getting decent views when I did it myself, but once I teamed up with my friends we reached heights I had never seen," Karangu said.

Pulsesfeedz covers everything from celebrity gossip to current events affecting the younger generation. They have recently begun to add news from around the Salisbury University campus.

The mission of Pulsesfeedz is to entertain and inform, which is basically my motto for life and what I hope to do in the future," Karangu said.

There are currently six writers working on the site, gathering news from different social networks and coming up with their own ideas of what they believe high school and college students would find interesting.

"It's the writers who volunteer for the site that help bring so much engagement to the website such as...Dallas Jordan and Jerrad

Pawar, who are also Salisbury students," Karangu said.

Jordan said Pulsesfeedz has helped him develop skills that will help him build his career for the future.

"Writing for Pulsesfeedz has been such an amazing learning experience, because it gives young writers like myself a chance to tell stories that we find unique and that other students would like to hear," Jordan said. "I want to be a celebrity correspondent someday so I enjoy telling celebrity news...For me it's been great being able to track these stories and share them with the public."

The site is arranged in an eye-catching but organized set-up. Featured articles are lined up at the top, with other articles spread throughout the bottom of the page, all placed in categories such as "news" and "stupidities."

There is the option to view only one type of story or see them all on a single page. With such a wide variety of material, it would be normal to see an article on the best autocorrect fail next to a political scandal.

"My goal is to reach at least one million unique views, and for high school and college students all over to be entertained and influenced by the site to make a positive change," Karangu said.

Dining Review

BY RACHEL THURMAN
Staff Writer

Hungry? Substantial portions and authentic Mexican cuisine your thing?

If so, La Tolteca off Rt. 50 is your next restaurant to go to.

Right when I walked in the door I was seated quickly and within minutes I had chips, two kinds of salsa and water in front of me. The normal salsa was good, but the white salsa was even better. It was creamy and cool but had some zip to it.

I went with my boyfriend, so we decided to order the Texas fajitas for two. This meal consisted of chicken, beef and shrimp with peppers, onions and tomatoes.

When I first walked in I noticed the banners advertising beers. However, after being seated I realized that it was a family restaurant with a bar upstairs. As we waited, I looked around the restaurant noticing the bright colors and murals with a beautiful fireplace.

Our meal came out within 10 minutes. The chicken, beef and shrimp were sizzling. The lettuce, rice, refried beans, sour cream, guacamole and tortillas were served on the side.

The amount of meat that was placed in front of us was enough to feed at least four people.

The meat was perfect and the three tortillas on the side were just the right amount. When we



Rachel Thurman photo
La Tolteca is located at 110 Truitt St. off of Rt. 50.

were finished we had plenty of leftovers and no room for any kind of dessert.

If you like Mexican food, try La Tolteca. You will have leftovers for days and a great experience.

Rate: 5/5
Price: \$8-\$15
Gulf Card: No

Students bid for dates to support Relay

BY DOROTHY CAVANAGH
Staff Writer

A girl stands on the stage, a giant screen behind her displaying her name, hometown and other information. She waits nervously, until finally another student bids on her.

SU student Lindsay Blythe put herself in the spotlight along with the 27 other Salisbury University students who participated in the Organization of Latin American Students Date Auction last week, which raised \$910 for the Relay for Life.

"My friend Vladimir Rodriguez who's on the executive board of OLAS asked me (if) I wanted to participate in the date auction, and I instantly said yes because I love supporting OLAS and I knew it was going to be for a great cause," Blythe said.

Rodriguez said the auction exceeded his ex-

pectations and that he believes the event will help promote Relay's cause overall.

"It was great to see so many students and student groups come out and support us and Relay For Life," Rodriguez said. "I hope we were able to raise awareness to cancer research and bring the SU community closer."

Relay for Life is a worldwide 12-hour walk/runathon where people come together to celebrate and fight for cancer patients. SU raised \$80,000 last year. Different student groups hold cheap activities such as sumo wrestling, and tie-dye events as well as selling food.

Relay for Life will be held May 3 at the intramural fields. The date auction is one of the many preparations for the event.

Over 100 people attended the auction, which included a live tweet wall, trivia questions, a raffle and prizes including gift cards

and Relay for Life memorabilia.

OLAS president Cindy Portillo said she was pleased with the turnout and plans to hold the auction again in the future.

"We had a great crowd of people, we raised a good amount of money and...it was our first time putting on a big event," she said.

In Round One, the first 14 contestants walked up to the stage. They were asked to describe a perfect date and were asked a limo ride question, for example: "What would you do if you won the lottery?" or "What is your favorite quote?"

Finally, the bidding started. Round One started off slowly; the MCs waited for more people to bid, but no one was. About halfway

through the first half, people started digging deeper in their wallets and began bidding on the contestants. The first big amount was \$61

for Noor Shadid, and then Jenna Payne received \$120.

During intermission, OLAS had the DC touch duo perform a Latin American dance.

Things continued to heat up in Round Two, when Blythe came up to the stage and in a matter of a few minutes received \$140 to go on a date.

Other contestants tried to beat her score but in the end, no one could. Blythe won a limo ride with her date for raising the most money.

"As a participant it was very exciting, especially just going through the whole process of walking out to our theme songs, being asked questions, and actually getting bidden on," Blythe said. "We got to add our own personality into the mix, so I think that definitely helped the bids...Overall it was a fun night."

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GULL LIFE

SU grad 'dances for dogs' in charity competition

BY DYLAN CRAIG
Staff Writer

Salisbury University 2012 alumnus Terson Quales is competing to win "Dancing For The Dogs" on March 9 at the Tidewater Inn in Easton, Md.

Quales will be competing against ten other dancers or "celebrities" and to win, he must impress the judges with his dancing skills and gather enough votes, in the form of donations, made in his name to the Caroline Humane Society, Talbot Humane Society and TomCats Solutions.

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Jump for joy at Tramp World

BY AMY MCFARLAND

Staff Writer

After a long day of classes, exams and meetings, most would agree that being able to have fun while getting a workout and listening to music would be a good way to let some stress loose. For students who might be stressed out with school work, tired of the gym routine or just looking for something fun to do on a weekend, Aerospots Trampoline Park might be a solution.

Opened in Dec. 2012, the Aerospots Trampoline Park contains over 12,000 square feet of trampolines and is one of the largest jump centers in Maryland. While a trampoline park might sound like an activity for children, Customer Service and Human Resources Manager Jordan Wixon said that the gym was created so all ages could find fun.

"There are no family places around here," Wixon said.

"There's stuff for little kids and a little bit older kids, but there's no place where you can have everybody from the age of one to 80 come together and just have a good time."

Along with Aerospots' events are their charitable events where they hold a three-hour block for a charity and split the admission profits, keeping only 60 percent to cover operating costs. Wixon

said the three hour block can be extended if the charity requests.

The park has also given back to the community through donations while the facility was being built. Wixon said when they began clearing the building they found a weight room, which allowed them to donate over \$10,000 of equipment to the Delmar Police and Fire Departments. Wixon said that after removing a large amount of turf in the arena, they were able to donate it to a high school in Salisbury.

Although the park is still getting started, Wixon said they are planning specials such as a college night on Thursdays, where students may be able to pay two for the price of one. This could be an upcoming attraction for students who aren't into "Thirsty Thursdays" but are still looking for an activity without hurting their wallets. Wixon said he would also like to add more specials such as a military discount.

For those who may want to get a party together, Wixon said the park offers many events such as a team building exercise, corporate events and birthday parties.

"Pretty much if you can celebrate it, we can do it here," Wixon said.

The trampoline park also offers Ultimate Dodgeball, a co-ed team above the age of

13 can participate in open play or join a four week tournament to compete for a prize. Ultimate Volleyball and AIR-Oobics, a fitness class, will also be added for those who want to experience volleyball in a new way or would like to take a unique fitness class to get in shape. There are also batting cages in the arena for those who might be more comfortable on the ground.

For students who want to try out the new park, walk-ins are welcome and it is \$15 tax included per person for the main arena, \$10 for each additional hour. There is also a separate trampoline area for kids who are under 42 inches tall, so anyone older won't have to watch out for little kids during their experience. All participants must have a waiver filled out, but they can be completed online and Aerospots will keep the waiver recorded for up to a year.

The park is open Tuesday through Thursday from 3 to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to midnight and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Anyone 18 or older must bring a form of identification with them. For more information on Aerospots Trampoline Park and what it has to offer, visit www.delmar.aerospotsparks.com.



Photo by Kevin Cunningham
SU students can fly through the air at Aerospots Trampoline Park.

Men's basketball upset St. Mary's in overtime

BY DAVID CABRERA

Staff Writer

After an exciting 5-3 win on Tuesday to open up the season, the ninth-ranked Salisbury University baseball team kept the excitement going with a victory over Maine Presque Isle on Friday afternoon, 10-4.

In the first ever matchup between the two teams, the Gulls (2-0) racked up 12 hits, while limiting the Owls (0-1) to just 10.

As the game got underway, things did not look too good for the Gulls defense early.

Sophomore starting pitcher Brett Collacchi had some command issues in the first inning, giving up a run in the inning before being helped out by sophomore catcher Austin Barefoot, who threw out a runner at first to end the inning.

After the Gulls got a run in the bottom half of the inning, Collacchi continued to struggle with his command, giving up three more runs before he was pulled after 1 1/3 innings.

"Brett struggled a lot today, but our bullpen definitely picked it up and they were outstanding," Head Coach Doug Fleetwood said.

Collacchi was replaced by sophomore pitcher Dan Fein, who set down the last two batters of the inning.

With the Sea Gulls down 4-1, their offense came alive in the bottom of the second.

After the Gulls got three runs to tie the score on at 4 with some great baserunning and hitting, junior shortstop Ken O'Neill got on base on an error from the third baseman with the bases loaded, bringing in a run to give the Gulls a 5-4 lead.

Another run was added on in the inning to make it 6-4 when a wild pitch by Maine sailed to the backstop, allowing for sophomore right fielder Kyle Hayman to

score.

After the second inning barrage by the Gulls offense, Fein shut down the Owls offense, earning the win by going 3 2/3 innings and striking out four batters.

"Danny got us out of a lot of big holes today and so did Kyle Hamby," Fleetwood said.

The next man up, sophomore pitcher Hamby struck out the first five batters that he faced.

"I just wanted to pound the strike zone, work fast, and not let the hitters get comfortable," Hamby said.

While Hamby was making the Owl hitters uncomfortable, the Gulls continued to pad on to their lead and overcome the deficit.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, junior centerfielder Bill Root hit a RBI double that scored junior second baseman Johnny Schiotti.

Root finished the game 3-3, with two RBIs and three walks, increasing his batting average to .571 two games into the season.

"The baseballs just look like beach balls to me," Root joked when describing his early season success at the plate.

A batter later, senior left fielder Nick Gentry sliced an RBI single to centerfield scoring Root to make the score 8-4 Salisbury.

The Gulls went on to score two more runs in the eighth inning and senior pitcher Danny Druzgala pitched a 1-2-3 ninth inning to end the game.

Even though the Gulls are 2-0 to start the season, there is one thing that they are looking for.

"We need to have consistency, but that comes with playing more games," coach Fleetwood said.

With the first two games underway for 2013, the Gulls will have plenty of time to find some consistency throughout the rest of the season.

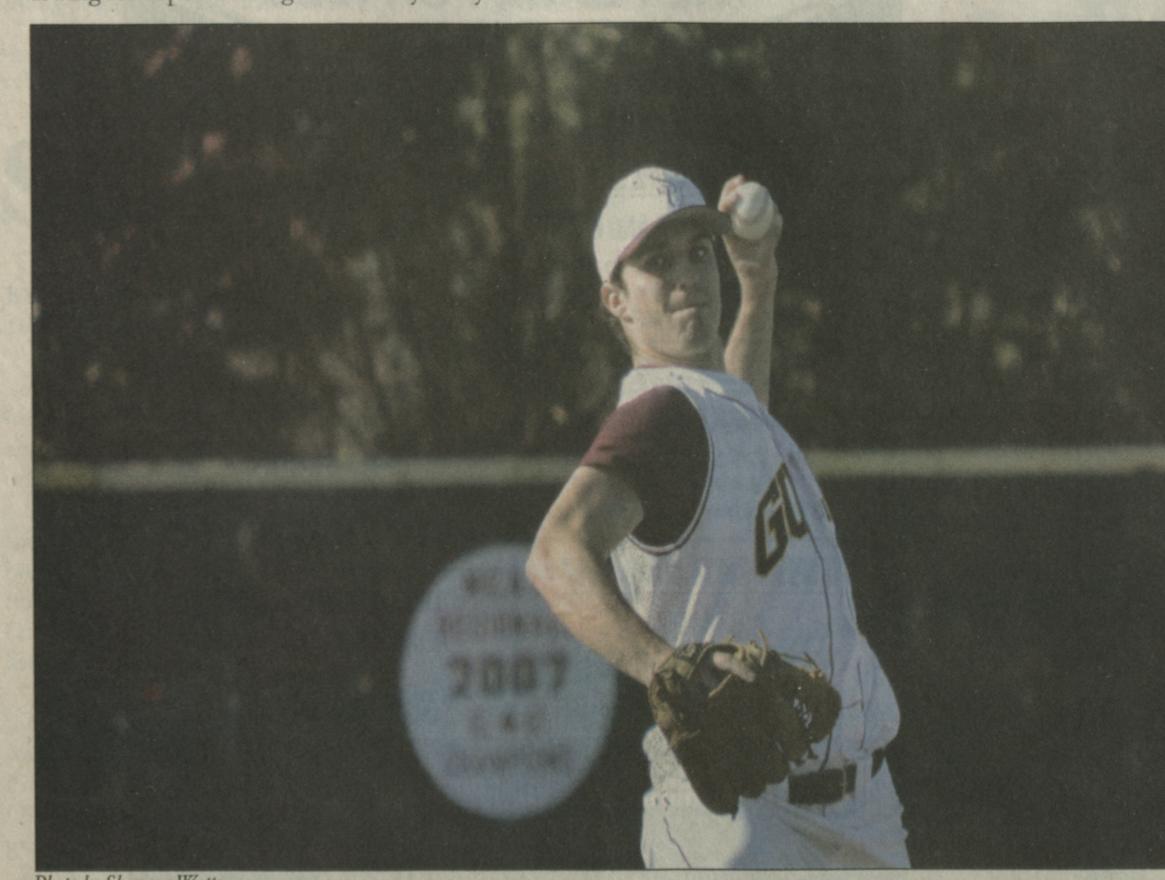


Photo by Shannon Watts
SU baseball player pitches the ball down the field.

Athlete Spotlight

Chelsea Tavik



File photo

BY SAMANTHA BABO

Staff Writer

Chelsea Tavik is a three time All-American track and field thrower and a senior at Salisbury University. She is majoring in early childhood education with a minor in psychology.

Tavik was recruited to SU when she was in high school because of her skillful throwing ability. Chelsea is from Glen Burnie, Md, and started throwing events her junior year in high school when she realized her track and field talents.

Ever since she has become a great asset to the women's track and field team. The first time the women's team was able to win Capital Athletic Conference, was when Tavik was a freshman, and they have won it ever since. Tavik says that this year will be challenging to win, but she plans on giving her all and winning CACs for her senior year.

"I believe her focus over the last three years has been the key to her success," Head Coach Jim Jones said. "With her academic load and other activities, she has been able to keep her focus on working to reach her goals of being the best, and becoming a champion."

Not only does Tavik throw shot put, javelin, hammer, and discus, she is also a part of the sorority Phi Mu at the University. She is a very determined and clever girl who is able to balance all of her activities plus the heavy amounts of

school work.

"She is an outstanding student!" Education Professor Patricia Jean said. "She is confident and knowledgeable and she will be an amazing teacher."

In order to be the champion Tavik is today, she dedicates her life to her to track and field.

Her training and practice schedules are both heavy only having one day off. Every day during the week she has practice for two and a half hours, and then lifts for one hour. On the weekend she usually has meets with the team on Saturday's and finally can rest on Sunday in order to prepare for the upcoming week.

Tavik enjoys her hectic schedule because it keeps her busy and she gets to do what she loves. Many of her teammates look up to her because of her many accomplishments, and she loves to offer advice to them.

When Chelsea graduates in the spring of 2013, she plans on going to graduate school at Johns Hopkins University. She wants to be a teacher once she has gotten her master's degree and also coach track and field at a University. Tavik hopes to win CACs for the last time at Salisbury University and she said she will miss her Sea Gulls dearly.

"It is always a big loss to lose someone like Chelsea, both as a person and student athlete," Coach Jones said. "We can never replace someone like her but we hope in the future we can attract someone with her focus, talent and skill."

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Lady Gulls sink St. Mary's to carry on winning streak to CAC playoffs

BY ASHLEY MARTIN

Staff writer

Pink was the color theme for the "Play 4kay" women's basketball game against St. Mary's on Feb. 13. SU's win against St. Mary's 68-48 in the breast cancer awareness and senior game has given the team home court advantage in the first round of the Capital Athletic Conference playoffs.

Before the game started, the team's only senior, Katie McGahagan, was honored as she was about to play her last regular season home game.

"We really wanted to come out and win this game for Katie," sophomore Courtney McManus said. "The game also

brought breast cancer awareness as the team and fans wore pink shirts and bought raffle tickets at the door. The money from the tickets is to be used as a donation for research.

"This cause was really special to the women's basketball community," Coach Kelly Lewandowski said. "So we really wanted to represent well."

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from a 73-49 win at

Trinity College, drowns their St. Mary's competition in jump shots all throughout the game.

The first six

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Coach

Lewandowski said coming into the game, the team knew they had to be active hands and be really aggressive on defense.

They had 18

steals, 4 blocks, and

24 defensive re

bounds by the end of the second half.

Toward the end

of the first half,

senior McGahagan

made a three point

shot, resulting in a

loud cheer from

the bench and

crowd. SU carried

their 38-17 lead

into the second

half of the game.

Very early into

the second half,

McManus steals the

ball and makes a

fast break into an

other three point

jump shot, her fifth

point of the game.

"Lucky they

didn't need me,"

Hackett said about

her injury and the

team's big lead to

ward the end of

the game.

game, our shooters really stepped up," Lewandowski said. "It's great that we have them as strengths for the team."

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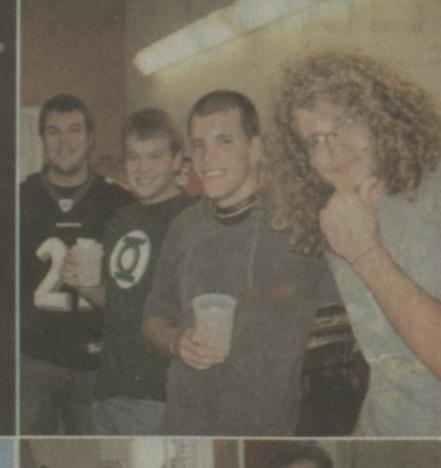
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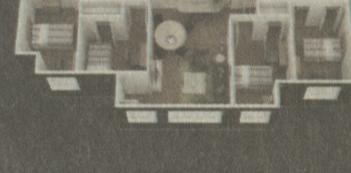
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